

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Ron Arthun, on January 12, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Ron Arthun, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Llew Jones (R)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 52, 1/6/2011; SB 59, 1/4/2011  
Executive Action: SB 59 Do Pass

**HEARING ON SB 52**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:34 Sen. Mitch Tropila (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 52, Add requirement for Legislative Audit employees to have background check.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:46 Mike Batista, Department of Justice

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:06:06 Monica Huyg, Legal Counsel, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:40 Sen. Balyeat  
00:07:36 Monica Huyg, LAD  
00:08:03 Sen. Balyeat  
00:08:05 Sen. Windy Boy entered the hearing  
00:08:14 Vice Chairman Arthun  
00:08:23 Mike Batista  
00:08:46 Monica Huyg  
00:09:15 Vice Chairman Arthun

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:09:23 Sen. Tropila

**HEARING ON SB 59**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:11:08 Sen. Lynda Moss (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 59, Provide for a women's mural in the Capitol Building.

[EXHIBIT\(sts09a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts09a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:51 Patty Dean, Public Historian

**EXHIBIT**(sts09a03)

00:22:01 Rep. Diane Sands, HD 95

00:24:30 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation Alliance

**EXHIBIT**(sts09a04)

00:28:00 Krys Holmes, Author, Montana Stories of the Land

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:32:41 Gretchen Bingman, Department of Administration

00:35:54 Jennifer Bottomly-O'Looney, Curator, Montana Historical Society

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:57 Sen. Jones

00:37:11 Sen. Balyeat

00:37:37 Sen. Moss

00:38:02 Sen. Balyeat

00:38:34 Sen. Moss

00:38:39 Sen. Balyeat

00:38:41 Rep. Sands

00:39:33 Sen. Jent

00:39:50 Sen. Jones

00:40:21 Krys Holmes

00:40:41 Sen. Jones

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:41:08 Sen. Moss

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 59**

00:42:32 Vice Chairman Arthun

00:42:42 **Motion:** Sen. Windy Boy moved that **SB 59 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:42:55 Sen. Jones

00:43:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Shockley voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:45 PM

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sts09aad.pdf](#))**